

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

October 2006 Flooding Event

SITUATION REPORT # 11

As of 1400 hours 27 October 2006

New Information in Bold Italics

Next situation report will be issued on Friday, 3 November, 2006

WEATHER

Today: Periods of rain, mainly after 3pm. High near 54. Southeast wind between 5 and 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible. **Tonight:** Periods of rain. The rain could be heavy at times. Low around 52. East wind 7 to 15 mph becoming south. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New rainfall amounts between one and two inches possible. **Saturday:** Rain likely before noon. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly sunny, with a high near 66. Breezy, with a west wind between 15 and 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible. **Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. Breezy, with a west wind between 13 and 23 mph. **Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. West wind between 13 and 17 mph.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation:

Virginia Emergency Operations Center augmented with limited staff. Continue to coordinate resource requests from localities. Monitoring local situations and National Weather Service forecast and advisories and notifying appropriate localities.

State of Emergency:

At 1540 hours on 9 October Governor Timothy Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to storms and flooding in Central and Southeast Virginia. Governor Timothy Kaine requested the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to make emergency low interest loans available to homeowners, businesses, and renters in the City of Franklin and Isle of Wight County. ***The SBA made loans available to homeowners, renters and businesses in the City of Franklin, and the adjacent counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton on 25 October 2006.***

Protective Actions:

EOC Activations:

- Isle of Wight County, open from 0700 to 2300 hours
- City of Franklin, opened at 0400 hours, 9 October

Local Emergency Declared:

- Surry County: 7 October
- Sussex County: 7 October
- Isle of Wight County: 7 October
- James City County: 7 October
- Southampton County: 9 October
- City of Franklin: 9 October

Evacuations:

- Sussex County – 45 people evacuated.
- Isle of Wight County – 40 people evacuated.
- James City County – 25 people evacuated.
- City of Franklin – 200 people evacuated. 6 families (23 people) are being housed in hotels.
- Southampton County- 45 evacuated.

OPERATIONS SECTIONS

State Warning Point: Monitoring National Weather Service River Forecast Center advisories and National Weather Service forecasts. ***The Blackwater River was at 7.46 feet as of 1000 Hours 27 October 2006 which is the below flood stage of 12.0 feet. The river is forecast to remain below flood stage through the forecast period.***

Local Liaison: Initial Damage Assessments continue to be sought from all local communities affected and State Agencies. VDEM Local Support Services Regional Coordinators are no longer on scene, in the City of Franklin assisting the local government, but they are available as requested.

Logistics: There have been a total of 33 requests from localities for assistance, only one request remains open and will remain open until 7 November.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

Public Safety & Security: Virginia State Police has pulled out extra trooper support from the area as of 16 October. VSP Swift Water Rescue Team was released on 12 October. In coordination with DGIF, VSP continuing patrols in flooded areas.

Public Health and Medical Services (ESF-8): ***The Zuni, Clyde's Dale and Kingsdale – Mosely drinking water notices/advisories related to the Blackwater River flood have all been lifted. No system notices/advisories associated with this event remain outstanding. Environmental Health Services continues to sample private wells affected by the flood to ensure drinking water safety, and will address any issues, if identified, on a case-by-case basis. The tetanus immunization program established for this event is no longer needed and has been discontinued. A total of 609 Tetanus immunizations were administered in support of the flood recovery effort. DEQ will continue to conduct fecal coliform monitoring of Blackwater River through 7 November.*** The sewage treatment plant in the City of Franklin was tested on 12 October and there were no reportable levels of pesticides and no evidence of fuel/petroleum contamination. The manager of the plant supported the Hazmat team in going into the water treatment facility to open all doors and windows to air out the building in anticipation of the DECON and cleanup of the plant which began at 1200 16 October. It is anticipated that the plant will be closed through early November.

Hazardous Materials (ESF 10): Hazmat spill has been contained. Remaining fuel has been transferred to another tank. Contractor has started cleanup of spilled product. Two VDEM Regional Hazmat Officers along with members of the Newport News and Portsmouth Regional Hazmat Teams are assisting Franklin City Building Officials with air quality monitoring as necessary operations begin. Air quality readings have worsened over the past 24 hours. Plan to remove 2 sides of walls and use a high ventilation fan truck to remove hazardous gases from Birdsong Peanuts. This will begin around 1200 Hours 13 October and once completed, the peanuts will be removed. There are 10 million pounds of shelled peanuts located in the company's cold storage warehouse that require disposal. FDA arrived on site on 11 October. Removal of peanuts began 15 October.

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

Mass Care (ESF 6): The Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Shelter in the City of Franklin is now closed. Lunch on 18 October was the final meal served at this location. Mobile feeding will continue through 21 October in the affected neighborhoods. Over 100 meals and 500 snacks have been provided. 88 cleanup kits were also distributed. Locally, more than 5 registered Red Cross volunteers and several spontaneous volunteers have helped. From outside of City of Franklin and Southampton County, 36 people have volunteered including 3 people from the Tidewater 4-Whell Drive Club. These numbers do not include the local Red Cross employee and 4 Disaster Services employees from Norfolk. More families are making progress in cleanup and are moving back home. No new cases were opened, thus the number of cases remains at 66. ***9 cases remain open due to waiting on paperwork for rental assistance or open referrals, but casework has been transferred back to the local Red Cross office. At this time, one family is still searching for another place to stay due to structural damage to their home.*** Efforts are still underway to coordinate with Ministerial Alliance of to assist with unmet needs.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

Transportation (ESF 1): 7 secondary roads remain closed (2 in Surry, 5 in Isle of Wight). Assisting localities with signage and making necessary repairs.

Public Works (ESF 3): The sewage treatment plant in Franklin at the Blackwater River is non-functioning.

LONG TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND MITIGATION

Recovery and Mitigation (ESF 14): PDA Teams were sent out 16 October to James City County, City of Poquoson, Isle of Wight County, Southampton County, and the City of Franklin. These five PDAs have been completed and estimates made, but no request for presidential disaster declaration has been made. Preliminary damage assessments were unable to meet required thresholds to request this assistance. IDAs received from impacted localities are listed below.

Initial Damage Assessment Report

Jurisdiction	Public *	Private
<i>Accomack County</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	
Amelia County	\$55,000.00	
Buckingham County	\$8,000.00	
Brunswick County	\$23,275.00	
Charles City County	\$27,400.00	
Chesterfield County	\$60,000.00	
Culpeper County	\$2,000.00	
Cumberland County	\$11,000.00	
Dinwiddie County	\$11,300.00	
Franklin, City of	\$2,142,000.00	\$2,635,000.00
Hopewell, City of	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
<i>Isle of Wight County</i>	<i>\$1,898,000.00</i>	<i>\$500,000.00</i>
<i>James City County</i>	<i>\$219,685.00</i>	<i>\$602,355.00</i>
King and Queen County	\$0.00	
Lunenburg County	\$2,700.00	
Mecklenburg County	\$4,105.00	
New Kent County	\$3,100.00	
Norfolk, City of	\$200,000.00	
Nottoway County	\$3,000.00	
Poquoson, City of	\$39,500.00	\$105,000.00
Prince Edward County	\$13,000.00	
Prince George County	\$15,175.00	\$410,000.00
Richmond, City of	\$0.00	
<i>Southampton County</i>	<i>\$76,593.00</i>	
<i>Surry County</i>	<i>\$1,340,300.00</i>	
<i>Sussex County</i>	<i>\$113,500.00</i>	
York County	\$72,500.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$6,351,133.00	\$4,252,355.00
State Agencies		
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$1,400.00	
Department of Corrections	\$22,000.00	
Department of Emergency Management	\$100,179.91	
Department of Forestry	\$0	

Department of Game and Inland Fisheries	\$46,156.00	
Department of Health	\$2,965.00	
Virginia Commonwealth University	\$132,000.00	
Virginia State Police	\$60,200.00	
TOTAL	\$364,900.91	
GRAND TOTAL	\$6,716,033.91	\$4,252,355.00

**Includes VDOT estimates*

NOTE: Several areas remain under water and assessments will be made when sites are available.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Public Information (ESF 15): Continuing to respond to Media, Public and Legislative inquiries.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

- Counties of Chesterfield, Goochland, Henrico, Hanover and the cities of Norfolk and Chesapeake aided the City of Franklin through Statewide Mutual Aid. All mutual aid missions are now completed.
- City of Franklin – Route 58 Business reopened at the Blackwater River Bridge at International Paper on 1600 18 October. Bridge/approach cores taken 17 October and diver inspection 18 October. The downtown was re-opened to the public 16 October. The DECON crew finished cleaning the homes on Beale Court 15 October and began work on Broad Street 16 October. Approximately 15 houses on Broad Street were declared uninhabitable due to raw sewage inside the building. A meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 25 October to discuss future flood hazards. Representatives from VDEM, US Army Corps of Engineers and the National Weather Service will meet with the City officials to discuss long term solutions to the City's flooding.
- Isle of Wight County – ***Zuni water system is fully operational. Notice distributed to customers on 20 October 2006. Port-a-potties being removed and the County is no longer supplying bottled water. The County is still assisting with debris clearance by supplying dumpsters to residents clearing their homes. Relief organizations are also still assisting clients. LTDRTF is helping and will be assigning case workers. Some roads still out due to long term damage. The County is still fielding calls from upset residents about the lack of governmental assistance (one private drive/road washout, residents without flood insurance seeking monetary assistance, etc).***

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